



ARGENTINA



INTRODUCTION

In 1816, the United Provinces of the Rio Plata declared their independence from Spain. After Bolivia, Paraguay, and Uruguay left, the area that remained became Argentina. The country's population and culture were heavily shaped by immigrants from throughout Europe.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Alberto Angel FERNANDEZ

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Buenos Aires

Legislature

bicameral National Congress or Congreso Nacional consists of the Senate (72 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies (257 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 2,780,400 sq km

Land: 2,736,690 sq km

Water: 43,710 sq km

Climate

mostly temperate; arid in southeast; subantarctic in southwest

Natural Resources

fertile plains of the pampas, lead, zinc, tin, copper, iron ore, manganese, petroleum, uranium, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

large diversified economy; financial risks from debt obligations, rapid inflation, and reduced investor appetites; resource-rich, export-led growth model; increasing trade relations with China; G20 and OAS leader; tendency to nationalize businesses and under-report inflation

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$893.3 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$19,700 (2020 est.)

Industries - food processing, motor vehicles, consumer durables, textiles, chemicals and petrochemicals, printing, metallurgy, steel
Agricultural products - maize, soybeans, wheat, sugarcane, milk, barley, sunflower seed, beef, grapes, potatoes

Exports \$64.18 billion (2020 est.)

soybean products, corn, delivery trucks, wheat, frozen meat, gold (2019)

partners: Brazil 16%, China 11%, US 7%, Chile 5% (2019)

Imports \$52.14 billion (2020 est.)

cars, refined petroleum, vehicle parts, natural gas, soybeans (2019)

partners: Brazil 21%, China 18%, US 14%, Germany 6% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

45.9 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

0.84% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

European (mostly Spanish and Italian descent) and Mestizo (mixed European and Amerindian ancestry) 97.2%, Amerindian 2.4%, African descent 0.4% (2010 est.)

Language

Spanish (official), Italian, English, German, French, indigenous (Mapudungun, Quechua)

Religion

Roman Catholic 62.9%, Evangelical 15.3%, Jehovah's Witness and Church of Jesus Christ 1.4%, other 1.2%, agnostic 3.2%, atheist 6%, none 9.7%, unspecified 0.3% (2019 est.)

